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On March 22, 1965, Carl Zych, Chief Investigator, Montgomery Ward Stores, Inc., 6202 St. John, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone Chestnut 1-5300, extension 305, personally appeared at this office and related the following information:

Zych advised he has read the article in the March 1965 issue of Reader's Digest, entitled "World's Most Wanted Criminal," pertaining to subject. Zych stated an employee of Ward's in Kansas City, Missouri, fits the general description of subject. However, Zych stated there is a small discrepancy in that the article states the color of subject's eyes are brown and the employee's eyes are a light blue. Zych stated this employee's name is Gerhard Noffke and Noffke resides at 5206 St. John, Kansas City, Missouri.

Zych stated Noffke is presently working for Ward's under Zych's direct supervision as a watchman. Noffke immigrated to the United States from Hamburg, Germany, where he had worked for Major C. R. A. Walkter, British Royal Military Police, as an official interpreter from December 1946 to December 1951. Zych stated this information is contained in Noffke's file in which a letter of testimony is from Major Walkter. Zych stated, according to Noffke's file, he entered the United States on Passport No. 1942743, issued at Hamburg in August 1951, carried alien registration card No. A 8218783 I 57622, was admitted to the United States on January 12, 1952, at Port 12, District No. 6, as a Displaced Person (DP), was sponsored by the National Lutheran Council assigned to Reverend S. G. Widiger, 411 Park Avenue, Winfield, Kansas, naturalized on March 14, 1958 as per Certificate No. 7883454, Petition No. 15050.

Zych stated after reading referenced article he went to the public library and attempted to do as much research as possible on subject. Zych stated several things seem peculiar concerning Noffke, for example, he stated Noffke is fluent in at

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least four languages - French, German, Italian, Spanish and English, and appears to have had a good formal education. Zych stated he thought this is very strange that a man this well educated and obviously intelligent would be content to work as a watchman for a salary of \$85.00 per week. Zych stated that Noffke also appears to have money as he has recently purchased a large quantity of stock. Zych states Noffke is married, but has no children and has no auto and that Noffke and his wife "never go anywhere" and possibly this is an explanation for having extra money on hand to purchase large amounts of stocks.

Zych furnished the following description of Gerhard Noffke from Zych's personal observation and Noffke's personnel file:

Gerhard Noffke

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Approximately 62
Date of Birth	5/1/04 or 5/1/05
Place of Birth	Qarwitz or Warwitz, Germany
Height	5 feet 7 or 8 inches
Weight	Approximately 180 pounds
Hair	Dark, possibly brown, greying and balding
Build	Stocky and heavy
Complexion	Medium to yellowish
Eyes	Light blue
Features	Short, thick neck, "large Slavic head"
Occupation	Watchman, Montgomery Ward, Kansas City, Missouri, and previously laborer
Social Security Number	510-32-5438
Miscellaneous	Employed at Montgomery Ward from January 1952 to January 1953; October 1953 to present. Mother's maiden name reflected on application as Klara Zoschke.